THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) to (c) No new coal-based fertilizer plant was set up during he Sixth Five Year Plan. There is no proposal for setting up of any new coal-based fertilizer plant until the two coal-based fertilizer plants in operation, namely, Talcher in Orissa and Ramagundam in Andhra Pradesh have fully stablised their operations.

T plants

1811. SHRI C. HARIDAS: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the plants of the FACT, including Cochin division are being closed;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) how many employees are working in these plants both permanent and on daily wages; and

(d) how Government propose to accommodate these labourers?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) and (b) There are no plan to close down any plant in FACT Cochin Division. In the Udyogamandal Division, the Cryolite Plant has been closed down due to un-economical operations and non-availability of raw material. The Gypsum Section of the Ammonium Sulphate Plant, which is 20 years old, is also proposed to be cloesd due to chronic equipment problems.

(c) and (d) Services of 75 personnel presently working in the Cryolite plant and the Gypsum Section of Ammonium Sulphate Plant will be utilised in other sections of the Udyogamandal Unit.

Functioning of FACT

1812. SHRI C. HARIDAS: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the FACT is running in profit or in loss;

(b) what were the details of profit and loss for the last three years; and

(c) what are the reasons for the FACT to run into red?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) and (b) The financial performance of the company during the last three years was.-

1982—83	—Rs. 7.12 Crores
1983—84	+Rs. 0.11 Crores
1984—85	+Rs. 19.27 Crores

(c) The loss during 1982-83 was due to loss of production owing to power-cuts and water salinity problem; and smaller sales turn-over due to drought conditions.

Excess production of drugs

1813. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the anwser to Unstarred Question 620 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th July, 1985 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of organised sector along of Sulphamethoxazole and Diazepam is more than the demand;

(b) whether it is a fact that the production of Ampicillin and Trimethoprim of small scale units alone is more than the demand;

(c) if so, what is the total production of small scale units of these two drugs during 1984-85;

(d) what is the import of Propranolal, Ampicillin. Trimethoprim and Sulpha-methoxazole during 1984-85;

(e) what are the basis of providing data about production of bulk

drugs in the country by Government; if the production of small scale units is not monitored;

(f) whether it is also a fact that the installed capacity of these drugs is more than the demand; and

(g) what was the justification in delicensing these drugs when installed capacity of each and production of both small scale and organised sector is more than the demand?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) Demand estimates as assessed by 7th Five Year Plan Working Group and Production of Sulphamethoxazole and Diazepam have already been supplied to Rajya Sabha *vide* Unstarred Question No. 620 dated 29th July, 1985 as referred to in the question.

(b), (c), (e) and (f) My Ministry monitors the production of 87 bulk drugs in the organised sector. An attempt is being made to monitor the production of these drugs in the small scale sector also. The drugs Ampicillin and Trimethoprim are being manufactured by several companies including small scale units also.

(d) Imports of Propranolol, Ampicillin Trimethoprim and Sulphamethoxazole for the year 1984-85 are not available. However, imports for the year 1983-84 are as under:

Ampicillin	6·5 tons
Propranolol	0·28 ,,
Trimethoprim . . .	3·96 ,,
Sulpha Methoxazole . .	11·2 ,,

(g) Under the policy in vogue non-FERA and non-MRTP cmopanies regardless of demand considerations are eligible for registration with DGTD in respect of drugs not reserved for public sector or small scale sector units. The scheme of delicensing further simplifies the procedure for these companies.

Monitoring of drug import

1814. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 623 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th July, 1985 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are neither monitoring the imports of drugs, the prices at which drugs are imported in the country, the market prices of drugs the production of bulk drugs by small scale units and the prices at which companies are selling the medicines nor the profitability of drug companies;

(b) how the export was being monitored before rejecting the proposal for manufacturing of Ranitidine of the Indian company; and

(c) whether it is a fact that DGTD recommended the proposal for grant of Registration twice but Government did not agree, if so on what grounds?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) Government is monitoring the imports of specified drugs and the prices at which these drugs are imported. Government is also monitoring the production of 87 essential bulk drugs in the organised sector. The production date is also collected from small scale units to the extent available.

(b) and (c) Before the rejection of the proposal for manufacture of Ranitidine by the Indian Company, since DGTD did not have a machanism to monitor exports this Ministry reviewed the position in regard to such cases and recommended to the DGTD that in all such cases the company should be asked to apply for Industrial Licence for 100 per cent export. The Registration Committee of DGTD agreed with this Ministry's views and rejected the application.